II. Matters Before Estate Officer

Shri T.L.S. Nirmal Rs.	Shri R.A.F. Cama Rs.	Shri J.J. Jadeja Rs.	Kiran Chowdhary Rs.
42,00	5,200	3,200	5,000

Anti Labour Practices of MPS Associated Aviation Pvt. Ltd.

2881. SHRI A. SAMPATH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether any representation has been received from Centre of Indian Trade Unions, Delhi forwarded by an Hon'ble MP on 23.3.1996 with a reminder on 25.9.1996 about the alleged anti-labour practices of MPs Associated Aviation Pvt. Ltd. (formerly M/s. Sea Hawk) against the employees;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in the matter; and

(c) the facts in details ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Payment by I.T.D.C. Offficials

2882. SHRI AJAY CHAKRABORTY : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether certain ITDC officials have allegedly paid penal amount of Rs. 40 lakhs approximately to Architect firm M/s Designers Combine, on October 30, 1995 without compliance of prescribed procedure and approval of the Administrative Ministry and Finance Ministry;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard; and

(d) if not, the resons and justifications thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) and (b) ITDC has paid an amount of Rs. 40,99,798/- on 30.10.95 to M/s Designers Combine in terms of a decree passed by Delhi High Court after following the prescribed procedure.

(c) and (d) No inquiry is considered necessary because the Payment has been made in terms of a decree of the Delhi High Court.

Gas Dealerships/Distributorships

2883. SHRI PRADIP BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Oil Corporations have awarded the dealerships/distributorships to the relatives of the high officers of Oil Corporations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these allottees fulfil the other eligibility and criteria;

(d) if not, the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government against such officers; and

(e) whether such allotments have been cancelled, if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) to (e) Under normal selection procedure, dealerships/ distributorships of petroleum products are awarded by the oil companies through the process of advertisement in the newspapers. Selection is made by a duly constituted Selection Board on the basis of the interviews of the applicants meeting the eligibility criteria relating to nationality, age, education, income, residence, multiple dealerships norm, etc.

Till March, 1996, a few dealerships/distirbutionships were also allotted by the Government under discretionary powers on compassionate grounds. Relationship of an applicant with VIPs or officials of Government/oil companies, etc. is not a criterion for allotment of dealerships/ distributorships and no such information is maintained by the Government.

All files pertaining to allotment of dealerships/ distributorships of petroleum products under discretionary quota of the Government made since April 1992 are at present with the Delhi High Court, before which such allotments have been challenged through writ petition No. 4003/95 filed by the Centre for Public Interest Litigation. No discretionary allotment has been made by Government since April, 1996.

As explained above, information regarding allotment of dealerships/distributorships to the relatives of the officials of the oil companies is not available, with the Government. Also the matter being sub-judice, necessary action as to